

purposes", approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 697), is redesignated as subsection (i) of such section.

SEC. 5. (a) Except as provided by subsection (b), the amendments made by this Act shall become effective on the first day of the first month beginning after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) In the case of any State which on the date of enactment of this Act has not designated a single State agency for the purpose of distributing surplus property pursuant to subsection 203 (j) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, transfers of such property may be made by the Administrator of General Services under such subsection, as amended by this Act, to the State agency heretofore designated in such State to distribute property in conformity with such subsection for purposes of education and public health to the extent that such agency is authorized under State law to receive and distribute any class of property transferred pursuant to such subsection, or in the absence of any such agency or in the absence of authority of such agency to receive and distribute any such class of property, to any State agency or official authorized under State law to receive and distribute such property, until ninety calendar days have passed after the close of the first regular session of the legislature of such State beginning after the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved July 3, 1956.

44 USC 397.

Effective date.

Exception.

Public Law 656

CHAPTER 514

AN ACT

To authorize the payment of compensation for certain losses and damages caused by United States Armed Forces during World War II.

July 3, 1956
[H. R. 10766]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to pay the sum of \$964,199.35 to the Vatican City in full and final settlement and discharge of all claims of the Vatican City for losses and damages caused by United States Armed Forces in the Papal Domain Castel Gandolfo during the course of hostilities conducted by such forces against German armed forces in Italy in 1944.

Vatican City.
Payment of
claims.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$964,199.35 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation.

Approved July 3, 1956.

Public Law 657

CHAPTER 515

AN ACT

To authorize the conveyance of a certain tract of land in North Carolina to the city of Charlotte, North Carolina.

July 3, 1956
[H. R. 8634]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of General Services is authorized and directed to convey to the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission, an instrumentality of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, 18.06 acres of land, more or less, being that part of a 32.5 acre tract of land acquired by the Veterans' Administration on June 16, 1947, as a hospital site which has not been transferred to other Federal use, exact boundaries of said property to be determined by the Administrator.

Charlotte, N. C.
Conveyance.

Requirements.

SEC. 2. Such conveyance shall be made subject to the requirements of section 13 (h) of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 770) as added by Public Law 616, Eightieth Congress, (62 Stat. 350), (50 U. S. C. App. 1622 (h)): *Provided, however,* That in computation of the amount to be paid by said Commission as consideration for the transfer hereby authorized the sum of \$10,000 shall be deducted, such sum representing the amount contributed by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce to the United States toward original acquisition of the aforementioned 32.5 acre tract.

Approved July 3, 1956.

Public Law 658

CHAPTER 516

July 3, 1956
[H. J. Res. 671]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making temporary appropriations for the fiscal year 1957, and for other purposes.

Temporary ap-
propriations, 1957.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units in the executive branch of the Government, namely:

Such amounts as may be necessary for continuing projects or activities which were conducted in the fiscal year 1956 and listed in this section (a) at a rate for operations not in excess of the current rate or the rate provided for in the budget estimate, whichever is lower, or (b) in the amount or at the rate specified herein:

Funds appropriated to the President, President's special international program (emergency fund for international affairs);

Atomic Energy Commission;

Department of State, International Fisheries Commission (sea lamprey control and research activities);

Department of Commerce, export control;

Department of Defense—Civil functions, Department of the Army, government and relief in occupied areas; Military construction, Army; Military construction, Navy; Military construction, Air Force;

Export-Import Bank of Washington;

Mutual security programs, \$200,000,000, to be expended in accord with provisions of law applicable to such programs during the fiscal year 1956 and at a rate for any individual program not in excess of the current rate therefor: *Provided,* That administrative expenses for such programs shall not exceed the current rate.

Availability.

SEC. 102. Appropriations and funds made available and authority granted pursuant to this Act shall remain available until (a) enactment into law of an appropriation for any project or activity provided for in this Act, or (b) enactment of the applicable appropriation Act by both Houses without any provision for such project or activity, or (c) July 31, 1956, whichever first occurs.

SEC. 103. Appropriations and funds made available and authority granted pursuant to this Act may be used without regard to the time limitations set forth in subsection (d) (2) of section 3679, Revised Statutes, and expenditures therefrom shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization whenever a bill in which such applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization is contained is enacted into law.

31 USC 665.